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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC AT THE CHABOT OBSERVATORY, OAKLAND ON NOVEMBER 25, 1911, AT 8:00 P. M.

There being no routine business before the Society, President JOHN D. GALLOWAY introduced the speaker of the evening, Professor T. J. J. SEE, of the Mare Island Naval Observatory, who delivered an able address on "The Cosmogony of Comets," in the course of which he reviewed the lectures of the celebrated French astronomer, POINCARÉ, on the same general subject.

The address was couched in popular terms, profusely illustrated by many beautiful lantern slides, and held the close attention of an appreciative audience.

After the lecture the members and their friends were invited by Professor BURCKHALTER to visit the dome of the observatory, where they were courteously permitted to view many interesting celestial objects through the great telescope.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD AT THE CHABOT OBSERVATORY, OAKLAND, ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 25, 1911.

President GALLOWAY in the chair.

On motion of Director BURCKHALTER, seconded by Director RICHARDSON, the name of DORSEY ASH was presented for membership, and the latter was duly elected.

The Secretary read a communication from Dr. G. W. HILL, of West Nyack, New York, presenting to the Society a number of valuable books, including the four volumes of that author's works. On motion of Director LEUSCHNER, a vote of thanks was extended to Dr. HILL, and the Secretary was instructed to convey the Society's appreciation in proper terms.

The Committee on Comet-Medals submitted the following report:

(SEVENTY-SECOND) AWARD OF THE DONOHOE COMET-MEDAL.

The Comet-Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Monsieur F. QUENISSET, of Juvisy, France, for the discovery of an unexpected comet on September 23, 1911.

Committee on the Comet-Medal:
W. W. CAMPBELL,
S. D. TOWNLEY,
H. D. CURTIS.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 13, 1911.

(SEVENTY-THIRD) AWARD OF THE DONOHOE COMET-MEDAL.

The Comet-Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Monsieur S. BELJAWSKY, of Pulkowa, Russia, for the discovery of an unexpected comet on September 28, 1911.

Committee on the Comet-Medal:
W. W. CAMPBELL,
S. D. TOWNLEY,
H. D. CURTIS.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 13, 1911.

The Secretary reported that the medals for Messrs. QUENISSET and BELJAWSKY have been duly engraved and forwarded to the respective recipients.

Call was made by the chair for report of committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board on Mount Hamilton to consider and propose certain changes in the By-Laws of the Society. In the absence of Director Cushing, chairman of committee in question, it was moved by Director LEUSCHNER that the matter go over until the annual meeting in March next. Carried.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.